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1. REPLYING TO UP SPOKESMAN'S SPEECH SUPPORTING NO

CONFIDENCE MOTION, MIN DEF BOTHA SPOKE FOR ABOUT FORTY-FIVE MINUTES IN AFRIKAANS FROM NOTES. TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE. HE ADDRESSED ONLY THOSE SECTIONS OF NO CONFIDENCE MOTION RELATING TO ANGOLA.

2. BOHA OUTLINED DEVELOPMENTS LAST AUGUST LEADING TO BREAKDOWN IN PUBLIC ORDER IN AREAS OF BORDER ADJACENT TO SOUTH WEST AFRICA, AND NOTED THAT WORKMEN EMPLOYED ON VITAL HYDROELECTRIC SCHEME HAD DECLINED TO STAY ON THE JOB UNLESS SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES OFFERED PROTECTION. HE REPEATED ESSENCE OF PREVIOUS TATEMENTS THAT SAG HAD ACTED TO PROTECT VITAL INTERESTS ALONG BORDER BUT DID NOT ADMIT ANY FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA OTHER THAN TO INDICATE INDIRECTLY THAT SOUTH AFRICAN HAD ACTED TO ASSIST FRIENDS IN NEED.

3. BOTHA DID NOT ADDRESS SUBJECT OF WITHDRAWAL. HD DID, HOWEVER, ATTACK CAPE TIMES PRESSMAN SHAW FOR ALLEGING THAT SAG WAS SENDING UNTRAINED YOUNGSTERS INTO "OPERATIONAL AREA". HE ALSO NOTED THAT SENATE HAD SHARPLY REBUFFED PRESIDENT OF "STRONGEST WESTERN NATION" WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO ACT AGAINST COMMUNIST MENACE GROWING IN ANGOLA. BOTHA REPEATED MANY EARLIER ASSERTIONS RELATING TO MLPA AS AN AGENT OF COMMUNISM SINCE AT LEAST 1956, UNDERLINING THE THREAT POSED TO SOUTHERN AFRICA BY ESTABLISHMENT OF SOVIET AND CUBAN DOMINATED REGIME THERE.

4. TEXT OF PERTINENT PORTIONS WILL BE SENT WHEN AVAILABLE.
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